

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the patentability of all of the claims of the referenced application is solicited in view of the above amendments and the following comments.

In the outstanding action, the examiner has continued to indicate that all claims, except claims 11, 31 and 33 are considered to be allowable. Claim 33 was indicated to be allowable as well, except that it depends from claim 31, a rejected claim. Thus, the only substantial rejection that is still outstanding is directed to claims 11 and 31. It is pointed out that claim 31 depends from claim 11. Thus, if claim 11 was indicated to be allowable, claim 31 (and thence claim 33) would be allowable as well.

These two claims, 11 and 31, have been asserted to be unpatentable over the combination of the disclosures of the cited Ohkura et al. and Hoarty patents. This position of the examiner is respectfully traversed.

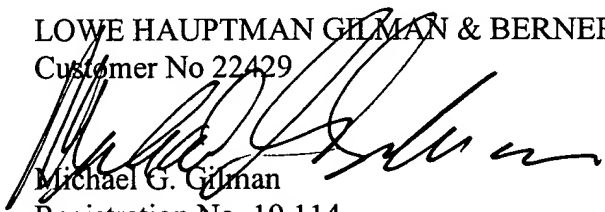
The examiner's attention is directed to the amendment to claim 11 set forth herein. It is believed that the entry of this amendment will completely obviate the outstanding rejection based on the Ohkura et al. reference with or without the combination thereof with the Hoarty reference. The two axes of the Ohkura et al. reference are substantially different from the two perpendicular axes set forth in amended claim 11. The Ohkura et al. axes are not perpendicular to each other. Therefore, claim 11, and thus claim 31 as well, are patentably distinct from this reference. The Hoarty reference does not add that which is missing from the Ohkura et al. reference. Therefore, all of the claims of this application are now in condition for allowance and such action is solicited.

It is recognized that this application is under final rejection and that, after final rejection, the examiner has wide latitude in entering or refusing to enter amendments to the claims. In this specific case, all claims, except claims 11 and 31 have either been allowed or indicated to be allowable upon the presentation of indicated amendments. The instant proposed amendment clearly differentiates the rejected claims from the state of the prior art. Therefore, even though this application is under final rejection, the proposed amendment should be admitted as it places all

claims in condition for allowance. The proposed amendment does not present any prohibited new matter and does not present any new issues that would require an additional or extended search. Therefore, the instant amendment should be entered and all claims allowed.

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